New Prequalification Disciplines – Energy Savings Program

Governor Corzine signed <u>legislation</u> on January 21, 2009 regarding Energy Savings Improvement Projects. The bill (A1185/S1537) requires consultants to be prequalified with the NJ Division of Property Management and Construction (DPMC). Therefore, the DPMC has added the discipline ENERGY AUDITING (discipline 51) to its prequalified disciplines. Through this legislation, school districts, higher education institutions, counties and municipalities as well as State agencies may now implement energy savings programs. Individuals or organizations performing energy audits, acting as commissioning agents, or conducting verification of energy savings plans, implementation of energy conservation measures, or verifying guarantees must be prequalified by the DPMC to perform their work under an energy savings improvement program. Engineering firms or certified consulting firms who employ energy auditors are invited to submit documentation of their expertise, certifications and project experience performing energy audits in order to become prequalified in the new ENERGY AUDITING discipline.

Additionally, over the last year DPMC has revised its Professional Services Prequalification Form (Form 48A) to include other new disciplines related to energy savings projects. These include:

Discipline 19, BUILDING COMMISSIONING – Engineering firms or those firms with staff expertise and project experience in providing building commissioning services and/or those acting as independent verifiers measuring and documenting the performance of building systems are encouraged to submit for a revision to include this new discipline in its prequalification.

Discipline 56, RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSULTANT – Renewable Energy firms or those with staff who have both expertise and project experience as renewable energy specialists are encouraged to submit for a revision to their current prequalification with DPMC or to submit an application to become prequalified as renewal energy consultants.

Firms currently prequalified by DPMC may submit for a revision to include one or more of these disciplines. The revision submission using DPMC Form 48A would consist of resume(s) of staff noting appropriate education or specialized certifications including Certified Energy manager/Auditor granted by the Association of Energy Engineers or similar certifications (section 14); staffing information for the requested disciplines (section 17) and project experience (minimum of three projects, two of which are completed) through section 18.

Firms seeking initial or renewal prequalification would need to complete the entire Form 48A which is available on our website, www.state.nj.us/treasury/dpmc. If you have any questions, please contact consultant prequalification at 609.633.3767.